

The distribution of prizes in connection with the Regatta will take place at the Gym-

Wm Barker will give away the prizes.

We beg to draw the attention of our readers to the postponement of the meeting of the Green Island Cement Co., Limited, which was to be held to-morrow. As will be seen by the amended notice on another page, the intended meeting will be held on the 3rd January 1891, the matters to be then discussed being more comprehensive.

THE Straits of Belle Isle arrived at Yokohama on the 8th December after a passage

countered a typhoon in the Pacific and had to hove to for 36 hours. The vessel behaved well in the storm.

THE question has been raised both in Scotland and England whether the "Fire-rotors' Liability Act" does not commit bankers to responsibility for the accuracy of the statements contained in a prospectus bearing their names. Some bankers have taken high legal opinion; with the result that the more cautious of them have determined to refuse to figure on prospectuses until the most minute inquiries have been made. It does not appear that the legal opinions taken have been very emphatic on the points raised.

A MEETING of shareholders in the Eastern Whaling Co., Ltd., was held in Yokohama a few days ago, and an interim dividend of 25 % for the past year was declared, with every prospect of another instalment of the same amount as soon as the season's catch could be realised upon. *The hunt for whales by the Co.'s vessel was a complete

The success was due to a good catch of seals. This is the first year of the Co.'s existence, and it is certainly to be congratulated upon its good fortune. The Co.'s shares of \$100 have been quoted at \$170 without inducing any sales.

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If the Japanese Cabinet should approve of a proposal put before it by Viscount Aoki on certain changes in the diplomatic service, a very important step will be taken. The new measure will involve the transformation of the Japanese representatives at the Courts of England, France, Germany, Austria, Russia, the United States, &c., into *Shimin-kan* (officers appointed directly by the Emperor). Their terms of office will be extended from three to five or

to acquire more extensive and varied knowledge of the countries to which they are accredited, while the heavy expenditure now entailed by frequent changes of Ministers will be avoided. A difficult point will be encountered in finding men suitable for these posts, but it seems that the names of Viscount Esmont, Viscount Miars, and Mr Hanabusa have so far been received with approval, and in all probability two members of the present Chamber will be appointed to represent their country abroad, so that indirectly the change will create vacancies in the Central Government.—*Times* *Simbun*.

announced in 1961, is now being accelerated. The construction of a continuous line of rail for the present is abandoned, but uninterrupted communication with the Pacific is to be established by a combination of railway and waterway, in accordance with the plans prepared by the Russian Ministry of Communication. The route laid down will be formed by the Central Siberian Railway (1,667 versta, or 1,034 miles), from Tomsk over Mariinsk, Aitcheinsk, Kozak, Nishne-Udinsk to Irkutsk; the Trans-Baikal Railway (1,600 versta, or 1,000 miles), from Irkutsk to the eastern shore of Lake Baikal, along the rivers Selenge, Uda, and Shilka, crossing the Jablonoi Mountains at Tchita, to the town of Sretensk, on the Shilka; and the Ussuri Railway (333 versta, or 253 miles), from Vladivostok to the Ussuri. Including

total length of the Siberian Railway as now agreed upon will be 2,881 versts, or 1,967½ miles. The cost of the railway (including rolling-stock) is estimated at £122,000,000 roubles (£18,300,000), which is at the rate of about £29000 per mile.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is offering a special opportunity for those wishing to make a trip round the world at an exceedingly moderate cost. The voyage will be made in the new armed cruiser steamships of the company, subsidised by the Imperial and Dominion Governments for the mail service between Vancouver and Hong Kong, the first of which starts about the middle of January. These vessels are all fitted with electric light, and steam, motive power.

continue to the comfort of passengers. They proceed to their station on the Pacific coast of the State of Sumatra, thus affording an excellent opportunity for a short sea voyage round the world. The route will be from Liverpool, Southampton, or Plymouth, calling at Marseilles or Naples, Alexandria, Port Said or Ismailia (with sufficient time allowance to make a trip to Cairo and the Pyramids), Colombo, Penang, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama, Vancouver, then via the Canadian Pacific Railway to New York, Boston, Montreal, Quebec, or Halifax, the passengers having the choice of Atlantic steamers from any of these ports to Great Britain. The cost is to be £120, and the tickets are available for three months. Such an opportunity as this rarely occurs, and it will no doubt be taken

A London correspondent writes :—The recent correspondence in the papers with regard to the exhibition of Mahomet on the stage shows that a Moslem society exists in Liverpool. It will probably be thought that the majority of these are Orientals, but this I believe is not the case. For according to information which has been sent out to India, a considerable number of residents in Liverpool have, in fact, embraced Islam. A letter from a lady bearing an unmistakable English name, who is the local secretary of the Liverpool Moslem Society, was lately received by an influential native gentleman in Hyderabad. In this the lady says that there no less than twenty-five gentlemen and five ladies, all Liverpoolians, have be-

taind a request for assistance in converting the British people, and the leading Moulvies of Hyderabad have opened a subscription list for that purpose. A Moslem propaganda in this country, aided by Moslem subscriptions from India, is a novel missionary enterprise.

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NOTICE.
STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP,
BREMER, HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN,
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and CARGO, will leave this port as above,
calling at Genoa.

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noon, Cargo will be received on board
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3 p.m. on the 20th December. (Parcels
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Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
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Hongkong, November 24, 1890. 2009

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AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.**

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1890.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
ABYSSINIA, SUNDAY, 21st Dec.
PAINTIA, TUESDAY, 30th Dec.
BATAVIA, SUNDAY, 25th Jan.

THE Steamship **ABYSSINIA**, Captain
WILLIAMSON, R.N.R., sailing at Noon,
on SUNDAY, the 21st December, will
proceed to VANCOUVER, via INLAND
SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

FROM HONGKONG FIRST CLASS.

To Vancouver and Victoria \$210.00

To Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma \$213.00

To Portland, Oregon \$220.00

To Winnipeg, Minneapolis, St. Paul \$220.00

To Chicago, Kansas City, Milwaukee \$220.00

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To Hamilton, Kingston, London, (Ont.) \$220.00

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falo, Niagara Falls, Baltimore,
Philadelphia and Washington.

To Quebec, Boston, Portland (Maine) \$225.00

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(Times is reduced from the date of landing
to date of re-embarkation at Vancouver)

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Consular Invoices of Goods for United
States Ports should be in quadruplicate;
and one copy must be sent forward by the
steamer to the care of D. E. Brown, As-
sistant General Freight and Passenger Agent,
Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Van-
couver, B.C.

Parcels must be sent to our office with
address marked in full by 5 p.m. on the
day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to
ADAMSON, GELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 16, 1890. 1991

NOTICE.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.**

PAQUEBOTS POSTES FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,
MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
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LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON THURSDAY, the 1st January,
1891, at Noon, the Company's S.S.
LYNNHILL, Commandant BONNET,
with MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 31st December, 1890. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agents' Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 18, 1890. 2132

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.
**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.**
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN
FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship **CITY OF
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parted for SAN FRANCISCO, via
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Freight to Japan, the United States, and
Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
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First-class fares granted as follows:—
To San Francisco \$225.00
To San Francisco and return 392.75
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To London 332.00

To other European ports at proportion-
ately reduced rates granted to the
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and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be
obtained on application.

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Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific
Railways.

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does not apply to through fares from China
and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel
Packages will be received at the office until
3 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
sent to ports beyond San Francisco,
the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Office in San Francisco, or
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San
Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 202, Queen's Road Central,
C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 6, 1890. 2100

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August 14, 1889. 1528

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusives of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing at

Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore K, and those in the body of the

Shipping or mid-way between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

- Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Police's Wharf.
 6. From Police's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
- Section.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
 8. From Blue Buildings to First Point.
 9. From First Point to North Point.
 10. From North Point to Kowloon Wharves.
 11. Kowloon Wharves.

Vessel's Name	Agent	Flag and Rig	Tons	Date of Arrival	Consignees or Agents	Destination	Remarks
Abyssinia	5	Lee	Brit.	str.	2346	Dec.	4 Adamson, Bell & Co.
Achilles	5	Day	Brit.	str.	1482	Dec.	18 Butterfield & Swire
Ajax	5	Rawlings	Brit.	str.	1600	Dec.	18 Butterfield & Swire
Ajmer	5	Thomson	Brit.	str.	1752	Dec.	16 Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Benlomond	5	Street	Brit.	str.	2129	Dec.	18 P. & O. S. N. Co.
Brindisi	5	Williams	Brit.	str.	1346	Dec.	18 Butterfield & Swire
Changhae	5	Greenfield	Brit.	str.	956	Aug.	20 Ban Hin Chan
Chong Hock Kian	5	Christensen	Ger.	str.	574	Dec.	14 A. R. Marty
Clara	5	Schall	Ger.	str.	651	Dec.	18 Weller & Co.
Comopolit	5	Taylor	Brit.	str.	614	Dec.	18 Russell & Co.
Diamante	5	Brown	Brit.	str.	852	Dec.	16 Melchers & Co.
Fidelfo	5	Brasen	Brit.	str.	874	Dec.	17 Messageries Maritimes
Haphong	5	Ashton	Brit.	str.	1132	Dec.	19 Douglas Steamship Co.
Kumamoto Maru	5	Pender	Japan.	str.	1240	Dec.	7 Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
Lord Bangor	5	Magill	Brit.	str.	1911	Nov.	30 Order
Memon	5	Dorff	Brit.	str.	825	Dec.	17 Butterfield & Swire
Mennuir	5	Craig	Brit.	str.	1237	Dec.	18 Russell & Co.
Mero	5	Peterson	Ger.	str.	650	Dec.	16 E. Schellhaas & Co.
Mogul	5	Johnson	Brit.	str.	1327	Dec.	1 A. Adamson, Bell & Co.
Norden	5	Leding	Ger.	str.	1368	Dec.	18 Mitsui Bishi
Pamela	5	Johnson	Brit.	str.	1489	Dec.	16 Butterfield & Swire
Panthia	5	Panton	Brit.	str.	2035	Dec.	19 Adamson, Bell & Co.
Pembrokehire	5	Daneaster	Brit.	str.	1717	Nov.	18 Adamson, Bell & Co.
Phra Chula Chom Klao	5	Benson	Brit.	str.	1011	Nov.	28 Yuen Fat Hong
Piccola	5	Nissen	Ger.	str.	875	Nov.	23 Melchers & Co.
Pilot Fish	5	Stapan	Brit.	str.	1057	Dec.	18 K. & W. Dock Co.
Samoth Phra Nang	5	Morris	Brit.	str.	1684	Dec.	18 P. & O. S. N. Co.
Thaloon	5	Hunter	Brit.	str.	819	Dec.	3 Douglas Steamship Co.
Thuan An	5	Wong Ling Sing	Chi.	str.	380	Dec.	11 Chinese
Tongshan	5	Young	Brit.	str.	1111	Nov.	24 Kin Tye Lung
Wing-sang	5	Croix	Brit.	str.	1517	Dec.	15 Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Africa, Vessels									
Archos	2	c Hansen	Brit.	bgo.	468	Dec.	9	Order	
Bittern	3	c Strongach	Br. 3-m. sc.	393	Dec.	18	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Basito	3	c Petersen	Brit.	bgo.	302	Dec.	10	Order	
Charon Wattans	3	c La Gain	Siam.	bgo.	650	Sept.	1	Captain	
Columbus	3	h Heaslop	Ger.	bgo.	1428	Dec.	11	Melchers & Co.	
Dona Bartola	3	h Flechart	Amer. ash.	60	Dec.	7	Singapore & Co.		
Dou Juto	3	c Nelson	Amer. bgo.	700	Nov.	30	Russell & Co.		
Elmhurst	3	h Mackenzie	Brit.	th.	1712	Dec.	3	Adamson, Bell & Co.	
Japan	3	c Yuma	Peru.	bgo.	398	Nov.	17	Gonsalves & Co.	
Kambira	5	k Brownell	Brit.	sh.	1892	Oct.	27	Captain	
Kerline Nilsson	3	c Boysen	Ger.	bgo.	520	Dec.	10	Master	
L. Hagen	3	c Basch	Ger.	bgo.	593	Dec.	6	Wielor & Co.	
Laird	3	c Evans	Brit.	bgo.	793	Dec.	2	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
La'sa	3	c Lundholm	Brit.	bgo.	640	Dec.	14	Chinese	
Nansimo	3	c Otter	Brit.	bgo.	397	Dec.	10	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Sara Mercedes	3	k Munisteg	Peru. bgo.	245	July	4	Master		
Santa Cruz	3	c O'Keefe	Brit.	ash.	92	Nov.	20	Wielor & Co.	
Sea Witch	3	c Libbets	Amer.	sh.	1228	Oct.	30	Adamson, Bell & Co.	
St. Nicholas	3	c Carver	Amer.	sh.	1723	Nov.	16	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	
Ta-tongkong	3	h Steinbring	Siam.	sh.	654	Dec.	6	Chinese	
Velocity	3	c Martin	Brit.	bgo.	491	Nov.	25	Order	